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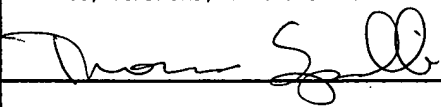
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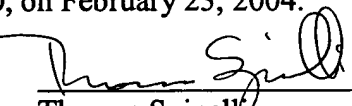
1. German Patent Application No. DE 695 17 153 T2, published May 17, 1996 together with corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 0 738 501 A1, published October 23, 1996;
2. German Patent Application No. 24 54 371, published June 19, 1975 together with corresponding U.S. Patent No. 3,958,576, dated May 25, 1976, issued to Komiya;

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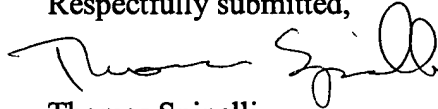

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3. German Patent Application No. DE 197 07 382 A1, published September 4, 1997 together with corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,766,189, dated June 16, 1998, issued to Matsuno; and
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,681,107, dated July 21, 1987, issued to Kees, Jr.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated January 5, 2004 received from the German Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. Applicants are also submitting herewith an English translation of the German Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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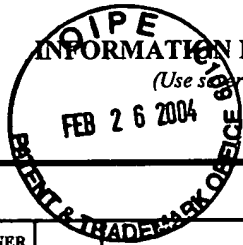


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3731**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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